

Listing of Claims:

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28. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the loop portion has an inside dimension smaller than a circumference of a largest portion of the latches.

29. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat adapted for installation in a vehicle having anchor points disposed at predetermined portions of the vehicle, comprising:

a seat body;

a securing belt with latches at either end; and

a connection member having a flexible loop portion through which the belt is slidably disposed and a connection portion that is permanently connected to a portion of the seat body,

wherein the seat body has a plurality of openings formed therein which are adapted to:

establish a first belt path along which the securing belt can pass to secure the child vehicle seat in a manner which allows the child vehicle seat to be secured in the vehicle so that it faces rearward with respect to a forward direction of travel of the vehicle; and

establish a second belt path along which the securing belt can pass to secure the child vehicle seat in a manner which allows the child vehicle seat to be secured in the vehicle so that it faces forwardly with respect to the forward direction of travel of the vehicle.

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31. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the connection member comprises:

a piece of webbing having a loop formed at a first end to define the loop portion and a connection hole at a second end to define the connection portion, the loop being sized to prevent the passage of a latch therethrough, and

a fastener disposed through the connection hole and adapted to engage permanently in an opening formed in the seat body.

32. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat adapted for installation in a vehicle having anchor points disposed at predetermined portions of the vehicle, comprising:

a seat body;

a securing belt with latches at either end; and

a connection member having a flexible loop portion through which the belt is slidably disposed and a connection portion that is permanently connected to a portion of the seat body,

wherein the connection member comprises:

a piece of webbing having a loop formed at a first end to define the loop portion and a connection hole at a second end to define the connection portion, the loop being sized to prevent the passage of a latch therethrough, and

a fastener disposed through the connection hole and adapted to engage permanently in an opening formed in the seat body, and

wherein the piece of webbing is:

manipulable to a first state wherein the securing belt is locatable along a first securing belt path adapted for connecting the child vehicle seat to the first and second anchor points with the child vehicle seat facing opposite a forward direction of vehicle travel; and

manipulable to a second state wherein the securing belt is locatable along a second securing belt path adapted for connecting the child vehicle seat to the first and second anchor points with the child vehicle seat facing in the forward direction of vehicle travel.

33. (Original) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the first securing belt path includes a first pair of openings formed in the seat body.

34. (Original) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the second securing belt path includes a first pair of openings formed in the seat body.

35. (Original) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 32, wherein, in the first state, the piece of webbing is folded over on itself and directed toward a first of a top and a front of the child vehicle seat.

36. (Original) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 32, wherein, in the second state, the piece of webbing is unfolded and is directed toward a second of a top and a front of the child vehicle seat.

37. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 32, wherein the first state is a state wherein the piece of webbing is rotated about the fastener so that it extends in a first direction toward a top of the child vehicle seat.

38. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 32, wherein the first state is a state wherein the piece of webbing is rotated about the fastener so that it extends in a second direction toward a front of the child vehicle seat.

39. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 31, wherein the piece of webbing has a length sufficient for it to:

a) extend away from the fastener to a site on the child vehicle seat wherein the securing belt is disposable along the first belt path, and

b) fold over the fastener and extend to a site on the child vehicle seat wherein the securing belt is disposable along the second belt path.

40. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 31, wherein the piece of webbing has a length sufficient for it to:

a) extend from the fastener to a site on the child vehicle seat wherein the securing belt is disposable along the first belt path, and

b) rotate about the fastener and extend to a site on the child vehicle seat wherein the securing belt is disposable along the second belt path.

41. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the connection member comprises:

a lanyard which has a loop at a first end; and

a fastening member permanently connected at a second end, the fastening member being adapted for permanent connection to the seat body.

42. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, further comprising a length adjusting mechanism provided on the securing belt.

43. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat comprising:
a seat body;
a securing belt with latches at either end; and
a connection member that is a unitary part of the seat body, the connection member forming a loop portion through which the securing belt can be slidably disposed,
wherein the seat body and the connection member comprise a single piece of material,
and
wherein the seat body has belt path apertures through which the securing belt can pass, and the connection member is spaced from the belt path apertures.

44. (Original) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 43, wherein the connection member comprises a bridge shaped portion which defines the loop portion.

45. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat comprising:
a seat body;
a securing belt with latches at either end; and
a connection member including a first end unitarily formed with the seat body and a second end formed with a snap connection to permanently engage in an opening formed in the child vehicle seat,
wherein the seat body and the connection member comprise a single piece of material.

46. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the connection member comprises a loop of webbing attached to a piece of material, the piece of material having a hole adapted to receive a fastener.

47. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat comprising:
a seat body;

a securing belt with latches at either end; and

a connection member including a connection portion that is permanently connected to a portion of the seat body and first and second substantially flat members connected to the connection portion, wherein the first member is overlaid on the second member and permanently connected thereto, the first and second flat members being configured to provide a pair of slots through which the securing belt can be slidably threaded, at least one of the slots being sized to prevent the passage of a latch member therethrough.

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67. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the connection member comprises a lanyard.

68. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the connection member comprises a molded plastic member.

69. (Previously Presented) A child vehicle seat as set forth in claim 29, wherein the connection member comprises a plastic coated wire.